

University of Maryland, Baltimore Staff Senate  
Open Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2008  
HSFI 516

**Roll Call:**

Present Senators: Sharon Andres, John Barber, Collette Becker, Danielle Brown, Liz Casher, Kiscia Cannon, Shannon Cooper, Bill Crockett, Dave DeLooze, Ken Fahnestock, Debbie Horstman, Phyllis Lovito, Jill Venezian, Libby Guarnera.

Excused Senators: Aphrodite Bodycomb, Michael Crowe, William Griffin, Tom McHugh, Roy Ross, Dionne Washington, Andrea LeFever, Jean Roth, John McNair.

Ken called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM and asked for the Roll Call.

**Minutes:** Draft minutes were compiled by Ken Fahnestock in Phyllis' absence. Motion by Dave DeLooze and seconded by Libby Guarnera to accept the minutes as submitted. Phyllis thanked Ken and Danielle for taking the minutes at the two prior meetings.

**Remarks from the Executive Committee: Ken**

The staff senate will have 7 exempt staff seats opening and 3 non-exempt excluded staff seats opening. We have received 12 nominations all for exempt seats. If we have no nominations for non-exempt staff seats, the chair will have the options of appointing non-exempt employees to the seats for a full-term (2 years) or filling with exempt staff for 1 year.

Board of Regents Award letters will be mailed soon. UMBC won 5 out of 6 awards this year. It was suggested that we look at the people who won the campus awards this year as candidates to submit for next year. Suggestion made to put together a dedicated committee on campus to work on these submissions for next year.

Exempt Salary Structure has been approved and can be viewed on the University of Maryland Systems web page at <http://www.usmd.edu/usm/adminfinance/humanresources>

Senate Bill 177- approved. Allows employees to carry over 75 days of annual leave time. For those seeking the cash-out option, will only be paid for 400 hours.

Meeting with HR - no meeting

Meeting with President Ramsey - next meeting scheduled May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Reports:**

**Campus Life** - No report Aphrodite should be back with us shortly.

**By Laws** - No report

**Policy and Legislation:** No Report. Handouts provided by Roy Ross were handed out in the meeting and will be distributed electronically to the committee.

**Communication and Nomination**

Staff Senate call for nominations were sent out in April via e-mail. The following staff have been nominated to the staff senate: Jean Roth, Dave DeLooze, Keisha Cannon, Colette Backer, Shannon Cooper, Libby Guarnera, Liz Casher, Andrea LeFever, Tom McHugh, Ron Kasl, Kim McCorr, Pat Bolland.

Elections will be held via Survey Monkey and will start on May 12<sup>th</sup> and end May 23<sup>rd</sup>. New Senators will be announced on May 27<sup>th</sup>. New staff senators will be invited to the June meeting and will start their term in July.

Collette will work with Tom McHugh to get the newsletter out.

**Community Outreach** - No report.

**CUSS:** Dave DeLooze  
Meeting held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at Towson University. Salary guidelines were distributed.

A presentation is being put together on Shared Governance and will begin being presented in August. The presentation will be done on each campus the night before the scheduled CUSS meeting. Staff Senators and Campus Administration from each campus will be invited to attend the presentation.

**Standing Committees**

**Special Events:** - Kiscia Cannon  
Cook Books are still for sale - will make excellent Mother's Day gift! Craft Bazaar is being planned for November.

**IT:** No Report

**Library:** Collette  
HS/HSL experiencing budget cuts. No subscriptions are being cut.  
Food for Fines event went very well and may be tried on other campuses.

First floor renovation is complete and floors 3-5 should be completed by the end of September.

**Parking:** 2009 budget was approved including a \$1.00 per pay increase.

**Safety Awareness:** Jill Venezian

Thanks to student Cynthia Chau who competently summarized this meeting. The following are her minutes, with just one or two additions from Jill.

**Some Statistics for thee period between April 1 - April 30:**

1,883 calls for service, 152 calls for reports/investigations, 7 adult arrests, 2 juvenile arrests  
These include: 1 Robbery; 1 aggravated assault (did not occur on campus, but as law student was walking back to campus from Light Street); 2 non-aggravated assaults; and 5 thefts for a total loss of \$4,762.00

**Meeting Summary:**

1) **Safety initiatives:** The number of bike patrol will Increase from ONE current officer to FOUR officers in order to decrease police response time (and keep it under 3 minutes) despite the presence of increased traffic due to campus construction. Bike patrol officers will be wearing bright yellow.

2) **Handicap parking enforcement will go into effect in 30 days.** No unauthorized parking on the street or campus garages. Police will be giving tickets of \$202.

3) **New video surveillance system will start in June.** They are replacing the current ones with 43 real-time day and night cameras with police monitoring 24hr/day. Every area of the campus will be covered.

4) **The campus police department now consists of 59-60 people,** the closest to full strength in the chief's career.

5) **Escort Patrol vans** runs from 6:00 p.m. to 12:45 a.m., 7 days a week. Walking escorts within the campus area are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They even take you to the Light Rail. Call Police Communications Operator: 410 / 706-6882.

6) **Lost UMB One ID cards.** If you lose your card, you must contact **BOTH** the UMB One office **AND** the Police. If you just receive a replacement card without contacting the police, you will not have access into your respective buildings. In addition, the police should be contacted in order to help make sure ID cards are not being misused by thieves for building access, etc... Also, the police have hundreds of lost UMB cards. If you've lost yours, call them.

7) **CAMPUS NO SMOKING POLICY!** There is no smoking allowed on any University grounds and within 30 feet of any University owned entrance. The **only** places that are NOT owned by the University where people may smoke are the sidewalks... but not within 30 feet of an entrance.

8) **They are still working on resolving the issue of safely crossing MLK.** The only thing to add is that there is a **RideUMB** shuttle that runs from Baltimore to Greene to Lombard across MLK to the BioPark that police advise people to use for their safety if they do need to cross MLK. The shuttle runs about every 15 minutes. For more info on the new route visit: <http://www.parking.umaryland.edu/rideumbflyer.pdf>

9) **This is the season for car theft!** Please be smart about your cars and what is in them b/c the police anticipate about 400 cases of car theft to be reported over this summer. Hopefully it won't be yours... or mine.

10) **Computer theft.** The police have recovered over \$150,000 in stolen computers and the dental students are notorious for getting their computers stolen. They recovered the dental computers because of LoJack. If your computers do not already have this feature, they highly recommend registering for it for a low price (more info at <http://www.lojackforlaptops.com/>). Also, students may bring their computers down to the Pine St. Police station to have them engrave the computers for your safety (they will **NOT** engrave your social security numbers on them).

11) **Corporal William Griffin** is our go-to-man with comments, and concerns at [wgriffin@police.umaryland.edu](mailto:wgriffin@police.umaryland.edu).

The next committee meeting will be in July.

Old Business:

New Business:

- (1) There is a question regarding the partnership between UMBC and Cecil County Community College. Is tuition remission available? Collette will get details.
- (2) It was reported that staff at the University of Baltimore have been able to obtain State Issued ID's? This enables them to ride the MTA for free. Is it true? Ken will get details.

With no further business, a motion was made by Collette and seconded by John Barber to adjourn the meeting

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Lovito  
Secretary/Treasurer